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is being put in better sanitary condition. Puerto Padre reports the arrival of 6 vessels, 9 bills of health issued, 2 deaths, and sanitary condition good. Gibara reports arrival of 10 vessels, 10 bills of health issued, and 2 deaths, sanitary condition good. There is no report of any quarantinable disease at any place in the district.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Santiago, Manzanillo, Daiquiri, and Guantanamo.*

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, *May 23, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the sanitary condition of the fourth district of the island of Cuba for the week ended May 19, 1900:

*Santiago.*—There was a total of 17 deaths for this period, a decrease of 13 from the preceding week, the following being the principal causes: Tuberculosis, 3; malarial fever, 2; kidney disease, 2; pneumonia, 3; heart disease, 2; other causes, 5; total, 17. Population 43,000; mortality, 20.55.

*Vessels disinfected.*

May 13, the U. S. A. transport *Wright* was disinfected prior to departure for San Juan, P. R. May 15, the steamship *Maria Herrera*, provisional flag, was disinfected prior to sailing for Porto Rican ports. This vessel, acting under instructions from its agents at Havana, refused to take nonimmune passengers for Porto Rican ports. This is done to prevent the ship from being detained two days at Ponce. All baggage was disinfected and labeled.

Twenty nonimmune certificates were issued to passengers bound for New York on the U. S. A. transport *Crook*. The baggage is being treated and labeled according to instructions. The British steamship *Highfield* was detained two days in quarantine to complete the five-day period from Havana; she was, however, permitted to discharge cargo. The Spanish steamship *Conde Wifredo*, for Spanish ports from Havana, was detained in quarantine while in this port.

*Manzanillo.*—Acting Asst. Surg. R. de Socarras reports that there were 6 deaths for that period, the causes being enteritis, 2; erysipelas, 1; bronchitis, 1; other causes, 2; total, 6. It has rained continuously and the weather has been very warm.

*Guantanamo.*—Acting Asst. Surg. Luis Espin reports 3 deaths for this period from the following causes: Bronchitis, 1; rachitis, 1; fever, 1.

*Daiquiri.*—Nothing of interest reported. No yellow fever or small-pox has been reported in this district.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. PARKER.

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

DANISH WEST INDIES.

*Quarantine imposed against Rosario—Quarantine against Portuguese ports and Alexandria raised.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 28, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose a copy of a dispatch from the United States minister to Denmark, giving information of a quarantine which

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the government of the Danish West Indies has established against the port of Rosario, Argentine Republic, and stating that the quarantine against Portuguese ports and against Alexandria has been raised.

Respectfully,

DAVID J. HILL,  
*Acting Secretary of State.*

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, *May 14, 1900.*

SIR: In a note, verbal, dated the 9th instant, the minister of foreign affairs informs me that owing to the appearance of the plague the government of the Danish West Indies has established a quarantine of two weeks against ships that arrive from or have communicated with the port of Rosario or that on their voyage have had communication with ships coming from that port.

The importation from said port of the following articles is prohibited:

Rags, used wadding, coarse wool, paper, shavings, hair, hides, used bags, carpets, embroideries, fresh offal, hoofs, wool, and raw silk; also used linen, used wearing apparel, and bedclothes; except when these articles constitute personal baggage, in which case they must be disinfected under public supervision.

I have further to report that on March 27 last, the same government raised the quarantine of September 12, 1899, against ships arriving from Portuguese ports and of November 8, 1899, against ships from Alexandria.

The prohibition against the importation of certain articles remains in force in so far as it applies to Portuguese ports.

Respectfully,

LAURITS S. SWENSON.

HON. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

*Smallpox at Sault Ste. Marie.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 28, 1900.*

SIR: Referring to my letter of the 24th instant, transmitting copy of a telegram from the commercial agent at Sault Ste. Marie in regard to the presence of smallpox at that place, I have the honor to inclose, for your information, a copy of a dispatch on the subject from the commercial agent.

Respectfully,

DAVID J. HILL,  
*Acting Secretary.*

HON. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

SAULT ST. MARIE, ONTARIO, *May 22, 1900.*

SIR: I wired the Department of State to-day as follows: "Smallpox at 2 leading hotels here. Contagion came from Port Arthur and Ottawa. Cases reported at Port Arthur, Collingwood, Ottawa, and several points on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., desires quarantine."

In explanation of the dispatch, I will state that the disease has been reported for some time past to exist at the places named in the dispatch, and apprehension has been felt by the authorities that it might appear here at any time.

Last week a case appeared at the International Hotel, of a man who had recently come from Port Arthur. The hotel was quarantined and the man removed to an isolated building, where he has since died.

The quarantine of the hotel was not effectual, as most of the inmates got out and scattered over the town and country.

Yesterday another case was found to exist at the Algonquin Hotel. In view of this, and the further fact that Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., requested quarantine, I sent the above dispatch.

The principal communication between here and the Michigan Sault is by the C. P. Railway and a steam ferry running every half hour; also vessels running from Collingwood and Owen Sound to Port Arthur touch here and at the Michigan Sault.